

SB2026

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Testimony for JUD on Apr 4, 2014 14:00PM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Pamela Miedtke-Wolf	Save An Animal.org	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE, support this bill. Pets should never be considered a food! Pets are stolen for this, and taken from free pet ads... This should not happen... America does not consider pets food, and last I checked, we are part of America! Please, support SB2026...

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Cathy Goeggel	Animal Rights Hawai'i	Support	No

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Peter Tierney	Maui County Animal Coalition	Support	No

Comments: The 13 member organizations from the Maui County Animal Coalition all support passage of SB 2026. Mahalo for you support of Hawaii's companion animals.

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**THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES**



**HUMANE SOCIETY
INTERNATIONAL**

To: Honorable Chair Rhoads and Committee Members
House Judiciary Committee, 2pm, Room 325

April 4, 2014

From: Inga Gibson, Hawaii State Director, The Humane Society of the United States-Humane Society International, PO Box 89131, Honolulu, HI 96830, igibson@humanesociety.org

RE: STRONG SUPPORT FOR S.B. 2026 Relating to Animal Cruelty; Slaughter or Trafficking in Pet Animals (Dogs or Cats)

On behalf of The Humane Society of the United States' members and supporters across Hawaii and The HSUS's international arm, Humane Society International (HSI), we urge your support of S.B. 2026 HD 1.

- We support the position of the Honolulu Prosecuting Attorney that this proposed law complements existing animal cruelty laws, dependent upon the individual case and evidence, and further closes a loophole in HRS 711-1100 that allows dogs/cats to be slaughtered "if bred for consumption."
- More than 60 percent of Hawaii households own dogs or cats who are considered "pets" and members of the family. The overwhelming majority of Hawaii residents abhor the practice of dog or cat slaughter for human consumption.
- Unlike farm animals who are bred and raised for consumption, dogs and cats who are slaughtered and subsequently sold for consumption are often lost or stolen pets or acquired from the internet or free to good home advertisements.
- Unlike farm animals, neither the United States Department of Agriculture nor the Hawaii Department of Agriculture recognizes nor regulates the slaughter or sale of dogs and cats.
- Despite our strong anti-cruelty laws, dog slaughter for human consumption continues to occur across Hawaii as current law requires that the perpetrator be caught in the act of killing the dog or cat. Furthermore, there is no law that expressly prohibits the selling, breeding, raising, transporting, trafficking or consumption of dog or cat meat.
- The proposed law would provide local law enforcement and local humane societies the tools necessary to investigate reports of dog slaughter or trafficking. Last year there were 2 incidents of dogs being decapitated with their feet removed, a method used to prepare a dog for consumption. Suspects have yet to be identified in either case.
- The Philippines (1998), Taiwan (2001) and Hong Kong (1950) have long prohibited the trade in dog meat. Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam prohibit the transfer or transport of dogs for the dog meat trade and are currently strengthening prohibitions on

slaughter and consumption. In the U.S., New York, New Jersey, California and other states explicitly prohibit the sale or consumption of pet animals.

- The Muslim/Islamic, Hindu, Buddhist, Hebrew/Judaic, Chinese Mongol, Miao, Tibetan, Yao and Yi faiths all prohibit eating dog. No religion nor culture requires the consumption of dogs or cats.
- Slaughtering dogs and cats also poses public health risks to people. While rabies is the most common vector (not present in Hawaii), toxoplasmosis, e-coli, cholera, trichinellosis, and other infectious parasitic, bacterial and zoonotic diseases can be transferred to humans when slaughtering dogs or cats. For more information on the public health issues associated with the dog meat trade, please see the below:

Can dog and cat meat ever be produced humanely?

http://media.wix.com/ugd/19a760_6a1ef886783c45788b0f9ff92215dd50.pdf

“... No country in the world has developed a humane way of supplying dogs and cats for human consumption, and the methods of slaughter cause immense suffering for the animals. In addition, as no country has explicitly legalised the dog and cat meat industries, wherever its consumption is popular, it is either illegal or takes place without specific regulation.”

GMS countries pledge to end dog meat eating

<http://www.nationmultimedia.com/national/GMS-countries-pledge-to-end-dog-meat-eating-30213985.html>

“Countries are failing to comply with their own national animal disease prevention measures, and are not following recommendations for rabies control and elimination by organisations such as the World Health Organisation and the World Organisation for Animal Health and the [dog meat] trade has been linked to outbreaks of trichinellosis, cholera and rabies. The World Health Organisation recently cited the trade as a contributing factor in recent outbreaks of rabies in Indonesia and cholera in Vietnam.”

Five percent of Nigerian dog meat tainted with rabies: study

<http://www.theglobaldispatch.com/five-percent-of-nigerian-dog-meat-tainted-with-rabies-study-45020/>

“The GARC reports, because dog meat is habitually consumed, and local butchers are unable to screen out infected animals and remove them from the food supply, the handling of infected dog meat may have implications on regional public health. There is potential for virus transfer if fluids or nervous tissues of infected animals come into contact with breaks in the skin before the meat is cooked.”

Lethal risks associated with preparing dog meat

<http://www.news-medical.net/news/2009/03/16/46971.aspx>

“When the researchers investigated whether the patients had come into contact with infected animals in the preceding months, they found that both had been involved in preparing and eating animals which may have been infected. In the first patient's case, he had prepared and eaten a dog that had been killed in a road traffic accident; rabid dogs were known to inhabit the neighbourhood. The second patient had butchered and eaten a cat that had been sick for a number of days.”

Survey on the illegal dog meat industry

<http://www.scribd.com/doc/207840620/KARA-Dog-Meat-Report-English-1-Survey-on-the-dog-meat-industry-and-possible-measures-to-end-the-dog-meat-trade-in-South-Korea>

Comprehensive discussion on breeding and transportation of dogs, analysis of zoonotic disease and parasitic transmission, conditions of dogs kept for slaughter, slaughter methods, implications of stress on dogs contributing to food-borne illness, etc.

In closing, pets provide us with so much; comfort, security, safety, assisting us with disabilities, improving our health and longevity and more. Pets deserve our protection and we urge your support for SB2026, and your consideration of the above-proposed amendments.

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Mike Moran	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mahalo Chair Rhoads for agreeing to hear this very worthy bill at this challenging time of the Legislature. I urge you and your committee to support this measure. Most Hawaii families have dogs and /or cats as pets. These creatures do so much for humans in so many ways all around us, from simply providing love and affection to our ohana, to providing vital assistance to many who have health challenges, to the disabled and to many more in need. They help us with security, crime prevention, and next giving vital assistance in locating these Little Fire Ants!. They are not livestock for consumption in Hawaii. Please pass this bill. Mike Moran, Kihei

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Judith Aikawa	Individual	Support	No

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I Nathan Graves strongly support the passage of SB2026 SD1 HD1 and any provisions that will make this legislation permanent.

Animal cruelty is a horrible offense that continues to take place throughout Hawaii. Although, animal protection groups have done great work to reduce such cruelty, it has not stopped such offenses from taking place. It is important that slaughtering or trafficking of pet animals for consumption or any other reason is strictly prohibited and enforceable under law. All pet animals should have such protection.

Sadly, even today the sale of pet animals for consumption still takes place in the United States. However, many states have enacted laws prohibiting such actions. Hawaii should follow in their footsteps and help end pet trafficking. Killing or stealing a pet for consumption or trafficking not only results in the loss of the pet's life, but also has detrimental effects on the entire owner's families. Killing or trafficking a pet is a cruel offense that should be punishable under law.

For these reasons I stand in firm support of this legislation. Thus, I fully endorse this legislation and urge the Hawaii State legislature to pass it into law, and take a step towards ending animal cruelty.

Please support SB2026 to STOP Slaughter of Dogs/Cats for Consumption. We must be responsible compassionate stewards/caretakers for all those voiceless and vulnerable.
Mahalo and Aloha, Erna Lund

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Cindy Texeira	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support SB20206 and stop the slaughtering, trafficking and humane consumption of pet animals. A family pet is part of the family, they are being stolen from their homes for humane consumption and trafficking.

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Terri Shishido	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please stop this uncivilized, cruel and inhumane treatment of pet animals in Hawaii. support SB 2026

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Suzanne Watanabe	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am testifying in support of SB2026, SD1, HD1 which would prohibit the slaughtering and consumption of pet animals, i.e., dogs, cats, etc. I am concerned that currently there exists an "underground" practice or structure where pet animals are being sold for consumption. However, the health of these animals are questionable. Consuming unhealthy animals can lead to zoonotic diseases (diseases transmitted from animals to humans) such as toxocariasis (dogs) and toxoplasmosis (cats). Secondly, consumption of pet animals is a cruel and barbaric practice, esp. in a 21st century civilized society such as ours. The purpose of pet animals is primarily to fill the emotional needs of both humans and pets when they share a common bond. No pet animal should be meant for human consumption. Therefore, I would exhort members of this committee to seriously consider the banning of the consumption of pet animals, for the sake of human health safeguards and to uphold the humane treatment of all pet animals.

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I am beyond SHOCKED to know that people consume Cats & Dogs in Hawaii!!!

I have 4 rescued Cats myself. They are my furry children and can't imagine eating my children. Dogs & Cats, these precious Souls bring so much happiness and joy in our (human's) life. They offer nothing but LOVE and I can't imagine slaughtering them for food.

Is there anything a human being won't eat??

I SUPPORT of SB2026 which prohibits the slaughter of Dogs & Cats for human consumption.

Thank you,

Tina Bounds

I am counting on your support of this very important bill protecting dogs and cats from senseless slaughter.

Sincerely,
Linda Adams
PO Box 1144
Kihei, HI
96753

Sent from my iPhone

I support SB2026

Sincerely,

William Harris, M.D.
1765 Ala Moana Blvd. #1880
Honolulu, HI 96815

I support this bill, and hope that you will pass it.

Margaret Sueoka
6295 Olohena Road
Kapaa, HI 96746

Barbara Steinberg-orlowski
PO box 1764
Kihei Hi 96753

To Committee for SB2026

As registered voter of Maui County ,I am in support of SB2026 that prohibits slaughter and trafficking of dogs and cats for human consumptionAs a Teacher of keiki , I represent them in strong voice to protect all helpless living creatures by acting as a guardian for cats and dogs we treat them as family and protect them from harm Those who slaughter our kindred spirits the dogs and cats who give joy and love to all ,we must change old ways to bring a higher purpose in Hawaii of banning this Thank you Barbara S Orlowski

Sent from my iPhone

To whom it may concern:

In support of sb 2026 please vote it illegal to use domestic pets (dogs, cats, etc.) for human consumption. I have a dog and it is unthinkable that someone could eat him.

The people who stole the dog from the golf course and ate it a few years ago are a perfect example.

They should have been prosecuted to the full extent of the law. It is NOT acceptable that Hawaii is the only state which allows this kind of barbaric behavior.

We should be following suit with the rest of the US and not allow people to raise or kill domestic animals for food. Period.

Sincerely,
Ginger Der
(808)638-7055

Aloha Members of the Judiciary Committee. Please support SB 2026 SD1 HD1 which would prohibit the slaughter or trafficking of pets for human consumption. It is my understanding that this bill would cover a loophole in Hawaii's current law against animal cruelty. Mahalo.

Jennifer Chiwa

It is incredible to me that we actually need a law to prevent the trafficking and slaughtering of pets. It makes me wonder what kind of a society we are, yet we read about such incidents all too frequently. (It is also difficult to believe that Hawaii is the only state without such legislation.)

While laws must be enforced to be effective, it is clear that such a law is necessary, even in Hawaii.

Please support SB2026 (who wouldn't, with a clear conscience???) and ensure that, once passed, the law is vigorously enforced!

Mahalo,

Gerrit Osborne

1430 Ehupua St.

Honolulu, 96821

N21° 16.830' W157° 45.830'

808-222-2450

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Lance Kimura	Individual	Support	No

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I am writing to request your support for SB2026 which calls for prohibiting the slaughter of dogs or cats for human consumption.

My understanding is that Hawaii may be the only state in the country which does not already have such a statute in place.

Every time I see a poster about a "missing" pet cat or pet dog I can sense the grief felt over the loss of a beloved member of the family, and hope that SB2026 will mean that fewer animals will be 'pet-napped' and more will be brought to shelters and reunited with their families.

Thank you.
Aloha,

Alice Saul
Honolulu, Hawaii
Res: (808) 395-0121
Off: (808) 949-2511

I am in support of SB2026 and the key reason is there is no logical reason to consume pet animals when there are sufficient food supplies in Hawaii. Not to mention, talk about tarnishing the Aloha State's image around the globe...this is a huge contradiction to the values people uphold and extend to visitors - sharing our Aloha Spirit includes all people, pets, animals and visitors to Hawaii. Please vote in Support of SB2026 and let's keep our beautiful home free from the tarnish of outdated, inhumane and cruel practices that fly under the radar screen....still protected by outdated laws.

Monica Roberts
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Rep. Karl Rhoads, Rep. Sharon Har, and other Members of the Judiciary Committee:

I have been made aware of the pending legislation in Hawaii that will ban and make illegal the acts that lead to the human consumption of cat and dog meat. Frankly, I first had to research this issue to confirm that this action is so serious that legislators have to pass laws to prevent it; and, that similar attempts have failed in the past.

The fact that family pet members are being stolen or that people are heinously taking these creatures under the false pretense of making them members of their families is deplorable - especially in the 21st century. I understand that many animals are consumed without a second thought but...horses, cats and dogs are loved by many as family members and this practice of "eating them" simply is unacceptable. Since it take legislation to stop this practice, I urge you to make it happen. Please do what is right by bringing Hawaii into the 21st century.

Thank you.

Cindy Boling
4717 Norma Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76103

I support Senate Bill 2026, Prohibiting the [slaughter of dogs or cats](#) for human consumption, which would finally close a loophole in our existing animal cruelty. Hawaii should not be the *only state* in the nation that allows this cruelty! Pets are family!

About 40 years ago, I was employed at The Hale Koa Hotel on Oahu as an inspector in the Housekeeping Department. During that time frame, many of the employees were new immigrants from the Philippines. There was the occasional strain between the new immigrants and our local born Filipinos. Please keep in mind that I am not targeting any specific nationality/race, as I have family and friends like many born to these islands of multi-national mix ethnic diversities.

One evening, I had as many others were invited to a party and we all contributed with a food dish "Pot-Luck". Some of my local friends overheard in their Filipino language that someone had killed a dog, cooked it, and placed it along side the other meat dishes. I first thought it was a horrible joke, but they pointed out the dish, so I could and other's choose whether to eat it or not. Many of us were upset, mostly us women! But we all felt powerless!

During the open discussion of why would someone do this, my input was as far as I knew, killing dogs was animal cruelty and illegal, let alone to even consider eating them! Then someone said in the Philippines it was okay to do, and my reply was, "Well this is the USA, not the Philippines!

My relating my personal account of that evening, even though it happened nearly a century ago, is to point out is still happening in 2014. Lets not fool ourselves, immigrants no matter what county they come from, France, Indonesia, China, Philippines, etc., bring their strong cultures with them, and too what is acceptable to kill for consumption in their own country is repulsive and should be illegal in our own.

With that understanding, it is extremely important to close any and all loopholes on animal cruelty. Our society/our culture-civilization has embraced cats and dogs as pets, companions, best friends, adopted "hanai" as family members. So please, protect them through Senate Bill 2026.

Always with aloha,

Frannie Pueo, (808) 769-1128 P.O. Box 943, Mt. View, Hi 96771

Please pass this bill prohibiting the slaughter of cats and dogs for human consumption.

If this doesn't fit into the animal cruelty category I don't know what does. In third world countries they may have to resort to eating domestic animals due to starvation but there is no excuse in our country for this brutish behavior. We have a culture that values our pets as family members. It's the law in other states because people in our country consider the practice of eating domestic animals to be inhumane. We in Hawaii should too.

Mahalo

Sue Scott
6931 Pomaikai St.
Kapaa, HI 96746

Dear Chair Rep. Rhoads, Vice Chair Rep. Har, and Committee Members:

Position: Support SB2026

The Bond we have with Dogs and Cats runs deep in this country. We owe a lot to them. They are not only our best friends and family members, but they went to war along side our military to protect our nation and thousands sacrificed their lives. The United States' first national monument to a soldier's best friend, recognizing the sacrifices of dogs in combat, was dedicated by the U.S. military in October 2013.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/10/29/us-usa-military-dogs-idUSBRE99S00120131029>

The national monument to military dogs is Inscribed with the words "Guardians of America's Freedom," in San Antonio Texas, featuring four dogs and a handler.

Dogs are also said to be a policeman's and fireman's best friend, saving lives and sacrificing their lives for us all.

With our military, dogs play an important role in our very freedom that gives us the right to stand here and speak our point of view... They aid soldiers, military operations, ultimately helping to protect our country, you and I, from attack.

[Celebrate our Military Canine Heroes | Ian Somerhalder Foundation](#)

Excerpts from article: "Military service dogs have finally been recognized by the government as an integral and beloved part of our nations's military team...we are finally recognizing them on a national scale by creating the first national monument to pay tribute to military dogs."

"Historically, dogs became a formal part of our military shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Dog owners across the United States were asked to donate quality animals..." Seargent Military Police Officer Ann Rosenbaum said "We relied on dogs everyday and it was definitely motivating to have a dog with us, not just because of the protection they provided, but because it was almost like having a piece of home with us."

"These amazing creatures risk their lives to protect and serve alongside our troops in both the United States and in combat zones around the world. Thousands of dogs have given their lives during their service. It is fitting that they should be rewarded, honored and remembered just like every other troop who sacrifices their life to service of our country. This monument will forever show our nation's gratitude to the amazing dogs that serve to protect the United States".

[? Military Working Dog Monument Dedication Ceremony - YouTube](#)

[The Dog That Cornered Osama Bin Laden ... not your standard K9...nor is the gear they wear?... - YouTube](#)

[Military Dogs: A Salute to our Heroes on Memorial Day | Pet Travel Blog - International Dog and Cat Travel](#)

ALSO...

[cat heroes: military working cats on Pinterest](#) Cats have been maskots, improved morale and helped to protect food supplies for the military. When the ship went down, they went down too.

[No Dog Left Behind : American Heroes Channel](#)

Today they provide a sense of normalcy at the end of a very abnormal day on the battlefield. They also give hope and something to live for, for military suffering from PTSD.

Americans recognize the special place dogs and cats have in our lives as companions, family members, therapy, assistance, security and rescue animals, family protectors and defenders of our freedoms.

Our love affair with dogs and cats can be seen by so many efforts by groups and individuals who strive to make it a better world for these animals.

[Gary Michelson, L.A.'s Richest Animal Lover, Offers \\$25 Million to Whoever Invents Non-Surgical Spaying Method | The Informer](#)

"Michelsen's generosity is born of the pity he feels for the 3-4 million animals euthanized each year in U.S. shelters"

Americans will stand up for their dogs, even if it means recalling a Mayor and City Council when justice for family pets are ignored as is happening in Filer Idaho right now. [Residents Prepare to Recall Filer Mayor, City Council](#)

The following is an excerpt from an editorial by the Star Bulletin editors in 2004. (Note: Caddy was brutally stabbed and butchered for dogmeat in 2007, we all remember).

[Honolulu Star-Bulletin Editorial - Our Opinion](#)



Editorials

Monday, August 23, 2004

[OUR OPINION]

Ban dog meat sales to prevent torture

THE ISSUE

Honolulu police are investigating reports of dog meat being sold at various spots on Oahu.

ASIAN countries have recognized in recent years that the killing of dogs and cats for meat is unacceptable in civilized society. Trade in dog or cat meat is so unthinkable in Hawaii that legislators have felt no need to make it illegal, but that has changed. Reports [that dog meat has been sold](#) in Kalihi, Waianae and downtown Honolulu should result in prompt legislation to ban this repulsive trade before it gains a foothold.

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A neuroscientist had been studying the brain activities of dogs put through an MRI scanner for two years.

<http://www.lifewithdogs.tv/2013/11/dogs-are-people-too/>

In 2013, Neuroscientist Gregory Berns said,

"Now, after training and scanning a dozen dogs, my one inescapable conclusion is this: dogs are people, too." He also said,

"The ability to experience positive emotions, like love and attachment, would mean that dogs have a level of sentience comparable to that of a human child. And this ability suggests a rethinking of how we treat dogs."

On July of 2012, Scientists declared that non human animals such as mammals and birds were conscious beings. (dogs, cats are mammals etc.).

[Animals are conscious and should be treated as such - opinion - 24 September 2012 - New Scientist#.UuJfUHH6e1s](#)

Mark Bekoff, who studies animals emotions, writes, "I hope the declaration will be used to protect animals from being treated abusively and inhumanely.

In the past, references to cultural or racial discrimination very sadly confused the REAL issue - CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. However, many Asian countries such as the Philippines, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Singapore and technically in South Korea have outlawed this horrible practice, but such practices continues illegally today. In 2012, Weixian County, a province in China, has banned the slaughter and consumption of dogmeat as well.- [Groundbreaking regulation bans consumption of dog meat in Weixian County, China and promotes the human-canine bond | National](#)
[China to ban eating cats and dogs](#)
[Dog Meat Protest: Local Group Demonstrates Against South Korea's Consumption of Dogs And Cats](#)

Remembering Caddy:

We remember Caddy, the 8 month old German Sheperd/Labrador mix, like a child to the Manuma family, stolen from Moanalua Golf Course and butchered for a meal.

- Kristine Yoo, prosecutor for Caddy's case said, "This is not about anybody's culture, it's not about anyone's eating habits," she said. "It's about cruelty to animals." [2 Hawaii men plead guilty to animal cruelty in eating of family's pet dog](#) (statement originally from that link, however the link contents has been updated with other news)
- Judge Randall Lee in Caddy's case said, "In this particular case the egregiousness of this crime to an innocent animal is dispicable," [Animal Abuse: Dog stolen, slaughtered for food - Moanalua Valley, HI | Pet-Abuse.Com Animal Cruelty Database](#) (case updates).

Please protect these animals, they are deeply deeply loved in Hawaii and in the mainland USA, and the military. And we owe them our gratitude, they help to make living worthwhile and are important part of lives and their abuse or wrongful treatment is indefensible. <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/world/judge-bans-peruvian-town-annual-cat-eating-festival-article-1.1486233> This is a recent example of a cat eating ban due to its cruelty and safety concerns despite being a very old tradition.

Please move forward and pass SB2026.

Thank you,
Jane Shiraki
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Representatives,

Please support SB2026 prohibiting the slaughter of dogs and cats for human consumption! Please help protect our pets!

Thank you!!!

Michelle Hamilton

LATE

Dear Chair Rhoads and Committee Members,

I am humbly asking you to PLEASE SUPPORT SB2026, to make it illegal to slaughter cats and dogs for human consumption. It is beyond my understanding (and everyone else I have spoken to) how Hawaii can be the only state that does not have a law against this! For the majority of the people in Hawaii, dogs and cats are considered as pets, and even family members. It is unthinkable that the law does not prohibit the slaughtering and consumption of them. They are not animals raised to be eaten. I can't even imagine the horror of someone, whose pet escapes from their backyard (which happens often), and someone decides to make a meal of it because there are no consequences for his/her actions. As our lawmakers, PLEASE DO NOT allow this to happen!

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Aloha

Ginny Tiu

Sent from my iPhone

LATE

Please support SB2026 to end the killing of dogs and cats for food. This practice is barbaric. Dogs and cats are COMPANION ANIMALS. There are people in my sub-division who do eat dogs, according to the humane society.

No one needs meat anyway, and there are food stamps if the people can't afford food.

Rosemary Karlsson
PO Box 492266
Keaau, HI 96749
808-966-6589

LATE

Aloha,

I respectfully request your support this so very important bill SB2026.

Supporting this Bill is the right thing and the timing is now.

Cats and Dogs love us, trust us, count on us for their needs. In history, Dogs have many times saved life and

Cats and so many cats are famous during War Time provided valuable support to our Military Personnel.

I can not find 1 single reason to why we have to slaughter them for food. We live in a new world where we need to show our children what loves mean and what Aloha Spirit really means and we have to mean what we Say.

I live in Hawaii most of my life and Aloha Spirit means something very special to me and always will be.

I am asking that you will share some of these compassion to our Dogs and Cats and spare them the possibility of being slaughter for food.

Mahalo Nui Loa for your kindness and consideration,

Helene Navaro

LATE

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Tania Frieze	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As an animal lover I highly oppose eating cats, dogs, or any other pets. Hawaii is considered to be savage and uneducated for allowing people to eat pets as food. It is inhumane and unnecessary. Stick to your Spam, which by the way, also makes you look stupid. Do what is right or remove the word pono from your language.

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RE: S.B. 2026, S.D. 1, H.D. 1; RELATING TO ANIMAL CRUELTY.

Chair Rhoads, Vice-Chair Har and members of the House Committee on Judiciary, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu submits the following testimony in support of S.B. 2026, S.D. 1, H.D. 1.

The purpose of S.B. 2026, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, is to prohibit the slaughtering or trafficking of pet animals—particularly dogs or cats—for human consumption; this bill would also amend the definition of a "pet animal" for purposes of animal cruelty, to eliminate any potential conflict with this new prohibition. The Department believes this statute would work hand-in-hand with Hawai'i's existing animal cruelty laws, which already provide felony penalties for intentionally or knowingly torturing, mutilating or poisoning pet animals or equine animals, and for intentionally or knowingly killing a pet animal belonging to another person without that person's consent.

For the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu supports the passage of S.B. 2026, S.D. 1, H.D. 1. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.